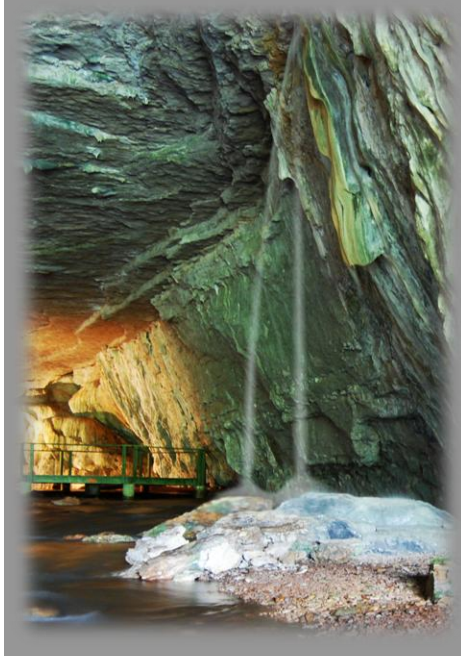


Smallin Cave

Field Trip Information



We welcome and accommodate groups, both large and small. All trails used in Smallin Cave as well as the path in and around the gift shop are wheelchair accessible.

Greetings!

We are very happy to announce to the educational community a new opportunity for a memorable hands-on learning experience in the Ozark area. Smallin Cave's six-story entrance leads its visitors into an abundance of geology, history, and wildlife.

The History

Smallin Cave was inhabited by the local Osage tribe when it was discovered by Henry Schoolcraft in 1818. He was greeted by members of the tribe who called the cave *Winoca* ("Underground Spirit"). Years later, during the Civil War, a union spy used Smallin Cave for shelter during the harsh winters. The cave was later used by pioneer families as summer storage for fruits and vegetables, and a source of red clay for pottery and log cabin chinking. Early settlers often enjoyed tranquil picnics in the shade of Smallin's huge mouth.

Wildlife and Geology

Smallin Cave is a geological wonder teeming with life, and your visit will often include sightings of bats, salamanders, cave crickets, and rare bristly cave crayfish. Their white shells and sightless eyes are bound to make a lasting impression on your students, as well as to give a personal first-hand look into the beautiful, fragile world beneath us.

Encased in the Burlington limestone formation, Smallin is one of few caves in the United States which contains fossils of starfish. These and many more ancient marine fossils may be seen from the visitor trail in the cave.



"We seemed suddenly to be holding some secret of the great works of nature, which had been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Henry Schoolcraft, 1818

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Build Your Own Field Trip!

Your adventure will last approximately 1 1/2 - 3 hours depending on additional activities and the size of your group.

Basic Field Trip package:

- One teacher and one bus driver per group are admitted free
- \$5.00 per student base price
- \$10.00 per adult guest

Additional Options (does not affect adult price)

- + \$2 for 30 minute educational workshop including mini lab
- + \$1 for gem panning or...
- + \$2 for fossil panning
- + \$1 for guided nature walk
- Scenic picnic area and gift shop

Preparing for Your Visit

Please prepare appropriately for an outdoor adventure by wearing suitable clothing, shoes, and rain jacket if necessary. Your group will spend time outside on our nature trail and on the trails to the cave entrances.

Booking School Groups

Booking groups can be done several ways including email, telephone, or in person. Let us know if your school or group is tax exempt.

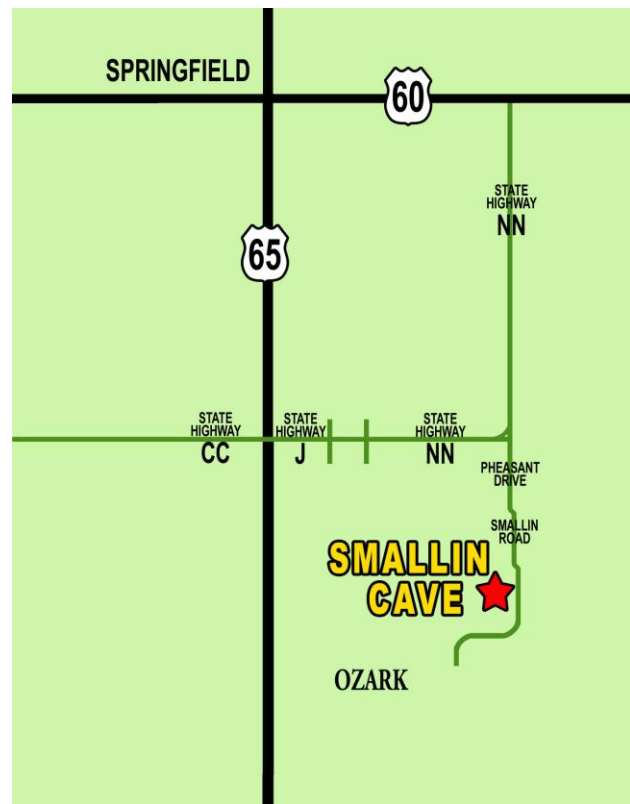
Please provide an email or physical address, and we would be happy to send further information for students and parents!.



To reserve a memorable and educational experience for your students please contact us by phone or email

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